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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re US Patent Application of)
Thomas W. Astle) Art Unit 1743
Serial No. 09/198,018)
Filed: November 23, 1998) Examiner: P. Bex
Title: ULTRA HIGH THROUGHPUT)
BIOASSAY SCREENING SYSTEM)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

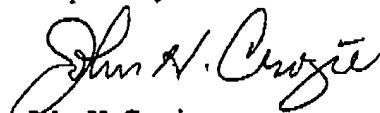
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 25, 2002 (Paper No. 14), of the Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-18, 21-23, and 30.

Since a required Notice of Appeal fee was paid September 13, 2001, and the Examiner withdrew the Office Action on which the appeal was based, it is believed that no fee is due. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 03-3838 for any additional fees required in connection herewith. A verified statement establishing small entity status is on file in the application and such status is still proper and desired.

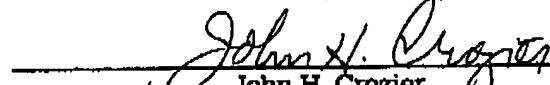
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